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### No Shackles, Thank You! AFL-CIO UP IN ARMS OVER HATCH-BALL-BURTON BILL, AIMED TO REGIMENT LABOR

Washington, D. C. Momentarily stunned by the boldness of the attack, organized labor has spoken out angrily against the new effort of a group of senators to put legislative shackles on unions in what they termed the interests of postwar peace. Counter-attacks are under way against the so-called Federal Industrial Relations Act introduced in the Senate by Hatch, Ball and Burton.

AFL Pres. William Green, CIO Pres. Philip Murray and Labor, the publication of the Standard Railway Labor Organizations, were unanimous in their denunciation of the new Hatch-Burton-Ball bill (S. 1171).

Green called the Senate bill "an instrument of labor oppression, rather than emancipation." Murray said it was a "bill to enslave labor" and branded it as "the most bald-faced attempt to destroy labor unions."

The AFL found the compulsory arbitration provision of the bill especially bad, saying "organized labor has fought compulsory arbitration since its earliest days as the first step toward involuntary servitude. We will not give up that fight now."

Green said that in sum, "this measure seeks to establish government regimentation of labor and industry in normal times to a degree that would gravely undermine free collective bargaining."

### Guild Demands Explanation of Arrest of Six

New York City The Newspaper Guild of New York has asked Acting Secretary of State Joseph C. Grew for a bill of particulars against the three Amerasia writers, two State Department employees and a naval lieutenant recently arrested on unspecified charges for misuse of government documents.

"We wish to go on record as stating we are watching this case with acute interest in view of the civil liberties and press privileges involved; and that in our opinion not only the accused but the Department of State and its policies are on trial," the union said.

The six arrested persons were known to be critical of the State Department's endorsement of Gen. Chiang Kai-shek's policy of non-cooperation with Chinese Communists.

### Labor Council Puts Studios On Bad List For Fighting Unions

San Pedro, Calif. Ten major film studios were placed on the unfair list by the San Pedro-Wilmington AFL Central Labor Council as the result of a resolution presented by the Brotherhood of Painters.

The studios placed on the "We do not patronize list" because of their refusal to negotiate with striking Local 1421, Screen Set Designers, despite a War Labor Board ruling, are: Columbia, RKO, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, 20th Century-Fox, Paramount, Republic, Warner Bros., First National, Universal and Samuel Goldwyn.

### Painting Contractor Gets Socked for Not Paying Up Back Wage

San Francisco, Calif. Found guilty of willful failure to pay wages to employees, Harold Rhodes, a San Francisco painting contractor, was sentenced to sixty days in the County Jail by the San Francisco Municipal Court, it was announced by John F. Dalton, State Labor Commissioner.

Rhodes admitted receiving payments on his contracts, but instead of paying his employees, he diverted the money to personal purposes.

Eavesdropping is what happens when it rains.

### THE SCORE!

A special labor committee has just finished an analysis of the voting records of State legislators at the recent session at Sacramento. They report that Fred Emley, whom the unions supported for Assemblyman for Monterey and San Luis Obispo counties last year, has turned up with a very acceptable record in behalf of progressive legislation.

The score shows that on 25 key measures of interest to Organized Labor, Emley has 18 good votes, 5 bad votes and was absent twice.

Chief criticism of Emley is he refused to support the Fair Employment Practice Bill (AB 3). He backed the state health insurance programs in two instances (AB 449 and AB 800), but he declined to support the Hospital Insurance Bill (AB 2201). Maybe he thought it should be "whole hog or none." He declined to support Assembly Joint Resolution No. 43, memorializing Congress to pass the Bretton Woods proposals, although, so far as we know, he's for Bretton Woods. Another criticism was that he went against the labor point of view on the Anti-Labor "Tenney Little Dies" Committee" (Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 66).

However, Emley's record on the whole is a vast improvement on most of his predecessors. On every other issue of importance to Labor he went down the line.

### Public Hearings Slated for Full Employment Bill

Washington, D. C. A program for the public hearings on S. 380, the Full Employment bill, was announced by Sen. James E. Murray (D., Mont.) with the approval of Sen. Robert F. Wagner (D., N.Y.), chairman of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee.

Murray said the hearings would open in the very near future, with five members of Congress as the lead-off witnesses.

"Sen. Wagner's action in reserving the first part of the full employment hearings for members of Congress is particularly appropriate," Murray said. "The Full Employment bill is a congressional measure. It provides for strengthening the hand of Congress in determining America's economic policy in the post-war world."

The congressional witnesses will be Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D., Wyo.), Sen. Elbert D. Thomas (D., Utah), Rep. Wright Patman (D., Tex.), Rep. George Outland (D., Calif.), and Sen. Murray.

"As co-sponsors of the bill we will lay before Congress the hard facts on post-war employment and production and portray the alternatives before the American people in the difficult years that lie ahead," Murray declared.

### Harvey Brown, Other Machinist Officials Get Confidence Vote

Washington, D. C. President Harvey W. Brown and other members of the "official family" of the International Association of Machinists have been given an overwhelming "vote of confidence" in the shape of another four-year term. Their reelection was revealed with the official announcement of results of a recent membership referendum. Brown was returned to office unopposed, as was Secretary-Treasurer Eric Peterson. All seven incumbent vice presidents were also re-elected by landslide majorities. They are: D. S. Lyons (for Canada), S. L. Neyman, Harry J. Carr, A. J. Hayes, Harley F. Nickerson, Roy N. Brown and Earl Melton.

### Garment Workers Honor 'Ike' With More Bonds

New York City The day Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower visited New York, Local 22 International Ladies Garment Workers Union (AFL), bought \$350,000 worth of war bonds as their welcome to Ike.

### Workers Must Fight to Win Concessions, Says Wagner

Washington, D. C. A veteran of 45 years of service in the cause of liberalism and labor told the Natl. Public Housing Conference here that "progressive economic and social legislation does not result from unity. Progress results only from struggle. Progress is brought about by those who are willing to fight, and risk themselves in struggle."

The speaker was Sen. Robert F. Wagner (D., N.Y.), who added that "the so-called unity comes only several years after the victory is won. Total unity means that a matter has ceased to be a vital public issue. Where that has happened, my efforts are no longer needed."

Wagner said he was for a permanent national housing agency with a single administrator to fight for the housing needs of the people. He said that after the war we will find "the absence of our young people on the fighting lines has given the advocates of reaction a chance to dig in."

He then pointed out that "the problem of unemployment after this war will be so pressing as to defy comparison with the past. The problem of a fair distribution of our national income, so that people can buy what our factories and farms produce, will still be with us."

### Unionists Asked to Donate on Memorial To World War Dead

San Francisco, Calif. Howard C. Sperry Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars has started a fund campaign among unionists to erect a memorial building in honor of the dead of World War I and II.

It will also be a memorial to Howard C. Sperry, a World War I veteran, and Nick Bordoise, martyrs of the 1934 general strike. Sperry was a member of the Longshoremen's Union and Bordoise belonged to Hotel and Restaurant Employees International Alliance (AFL). The building will be administered by a board composed of officers of the Sperry post and one AFL, one CIO and one unaffiliated union representative.

### Wallgren Names Dave Beck for Special Work

Seattle, Wash. Vice President Dave Beck of International Brotherhood of Teamsters and Secretary A. E. Sandvigen of Hope Lodge 79, International Association of Machinists, were appointed by Gov. Mon C. Wallgren (D) as AFL representatives on the state advisory committee to the Department of Conservation and Development, which will study post-war business and industrial reconversion plans in this state.

### WIN PAY INCREASE FOR EMPLOYEES IN SUBWAY TERMINALS

New York City National War Labor Board approval was given to a contract between Local 1, United Office and Professional Workers, and the Union News Co., covering 700 workers in subway terminals. It provides increases and retroactive pay to September 1944.

### New York Labor Body Gets Behind O'Dwyer

New York City Indorsement of William O'Dwyer for mayor was voted by the Greater New York Industrial Union Council. O'Dwyer is the Democratic candidate.

### Belgian Railway Men Help to Rebuild 358 Nazi-Wrecked Bridges

Brussels, Belgium The Germans, in their retreat through Belgium, "burned their bridges behind them" destroying 358 railway bridges. Losing no time, Belgian railwaymen threw their entire strength into the vast job of rebuilding the ruined bridges as speedily as possible so that the Allies would not be delayed because of transportation.

The repair shops and shunting yards, that were completely put out of action as a result of bombardment, have once more reappeared out of the rubble, and it was not long before the first few repaired locomotives and wagons left the shops to take up service in the war.

### AFL-CIO Sponsor Joint Rally for War Bond Sales

New York City Organized labor fired its salute to the 7th War Loan Drive in an AFL-CIO sponsored mass rally in Central Park, which drew a crowd of 10,000 despite a broiling sun and record temperatures.

AFL Pres. William Green, CIO Pres. Philip Murray and Sec. of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau headed the speakers and stage and screen stars including Harry James, Lawrence Tibbett and Eddie Cantor provided two hours of entertainment.

"The inspiring record made in all previous war loan drives must be maintained," Green said. "We must win victory in this respect as our brave forces won victory on the battlefields of Europe."

Murray told the rally: "The stability which comes from substantial holdings of war bonds by a great number of citizens can and should be an important factor in developing our program for 60 million jobs in the post-war period."

Morgenthau praised American workers for their role in the bond drives and revealed that \$15.4 billion of the \$34 billion in E bonds sold since May 1, 1941, came from systematic wage deductions by 27 million workers.

### KRUG AGAIN ASKS WEEK'S VACATION FOR WAR WORKERS

Washington, D. C. A vacation of one week will spell more war production and should be granted American workers wherever possible this summer, the WPB said. Taking a cue from Chairman J. A. Krug, the two labor vice-chairmen of WPB, Clinton S. Golden and John L. Beckham said vacations should be taken "when this can be arranged without interference with war production."

### Hundreds More Lose Jobs at Wichita Plants

Wichita, Kansas The Cessna and Beech Aircraft Co. plants here announced a further reduction in their work forces, throwing 3500 workers out of jobs. When aircraft cutbacks were first announced, Beech laid off 2500 workers. By August 1 the unemployment problem here is expected to become critical, since a large number of subcontractors, who filled orders for the big aircraft firms, will close down during July.

### AFL-CIO Get Behind Detroit World Fair

Detroit, Michigan Both the AFL and the CIO are pledged to work for the success of the Detroit world's fair project, the Committee of 100 announces.

### Drama In Two Acts

Barney Gallant's night club once had a lady dancer who climaxed her act by leaning over backward and picking up her handkerchief with her teeth. For an encore she leaned over backward again and picked up her teeth.

### Supreme Court Rules Against Collaboration To Hike Price

Washington, D. C. Labor unions are prohibited from joining with employers to restrain competition in violation of the Sherman anti-trust act, the U. S. Supreme Court ruled recently.

Justice Hugo L. Black read the majority decision covering the case of the Allen Bradley Co., et al, against Local 3, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (AFL), of New York City.

SAYS BLAME SHARED Black said that obviously, "this combination of business men has violated... the Sherman act, unless its conduct is immunized by the participation of the union... Our problem in this case is therefore a very narrow one—do labor unions violate the Sherman act, when, in order to further their own interests as wage earners, they aid and abet businessmen to do the precise things which that act prohibits?"

Black and the majority found that the Sherman act does not exempt any labor union activities, and that the Clayton act also, did not intend to grant an immunity such as is sought in the IBEW case. He commented further that the two congressional acts were designed to stop trusts and monopolies without impairing the collective bargaining and related rights of unions.

### California Laborites Want Initiatives On State Ballot in 1946

San Diego, Calif. California unions, which were put on the defensive in the last two state elections when they fought anti-labor measures, are urging a switch in tactics.

An example is the move started by the San Diego Central Trades Council, which is calling on the California Federation of Labor to sponsor circulation of an initiative petition favorable to the cause of labor, to be placed on the ballot at next year's elections. Suggested for the initiative measure was such public welfare legislation as compulsory health insurance, which was pigeonholed by the legislature this year.

### PLAN HUGE CO-OP CHAIN FOR CHINESE

San Francisco, Calif. "It is the ultimate aim of the Chinese government to see that there is at least one cooperative to serve every 500 people in China."

Chen Chih-mai, Counselor of the Chinese Embassy in Washington and for seven years secretary of the Executive Yuan (the Chinese Cabinet), made this sweeping statement during a talk in the Civic Auditorium in San Jose early in the United Nations conference.

### Brewery Union Hits Peace-Time Training

Cincinnati, Ohio Opposition to peacetime military conscription was voted recently by the general executive board of the United Brewery Workers (unaffiliated).

### Could've Been Worse

A senora who strolled on the Corso Displayed quite a lot of her torso. A crowd soon collected, And no one objected, Though some were in favor of more so.

### Certainly Not So Hot!

The War Labor Board is now giving advice to employers on how to cut wages. That's going from the freezing point to below zero.

## Some Important Measures to Help Labor Get Across

(Release from Office of State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif.

Because of the great interest of unionists in knowing just what has happened at Sacramento in regard to the various bills of concern to labor, the Federation, in concluding the series of reports that have been carried in the News Letter, has made a special effort to summarize the various bills acted upon. This action is unprecedented, and we hope it will be useful to the unions so that they will have a full view of what has happened, prior to the publication of the detailed legislative report that will be sent to all of our affiliates.

The bills are listed under their proper headings, and we have designated which are Federation-sponsored, which were passed, and which have already been signed by the Governor. This is also true of the bad bills.

### Good Bills Passed

#### WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

A.B. 114 (Debs et al), a Federation-sponsored bill providing for 7 per cent interest on compensation insurance awards from date of award to time of settlement. Signed by the Governor.

A.B. 134 (Maloney), a Federation-sponsored bill which provides that an injured employee is entitled to not less than 75 per cent permanent disability award, irrespective of amounts previously received for temporary disability under the Workmen's Compensation Law.

A.B. 370 (Sheridan) which provides that if an employee under 21 years of age is permanently injured, and his probable weekly earnings (for purposes of calculating compensation) cannot be reasonably determined, they shall be deemed to be \$32.16. Signed by the Governor.

A.B. 378 (Fletcher et al), requiring employers to post notice at place of employment stating either the name of his compensation carrier or the fact that he is self-insured.

A.B. 402 (Wollenberg and George D. Collins), providing that in death cases the Industrial Accident Commission may allow a lien to cover reasonable burial expenses. Signed by the Governor.

A.B. 684 (Brady), which provides that the payment of \$30 a week compensation for temporary disability during the pendency of hostilities shall include volunteer firemen, and extends the period this shall remain in effect to the 57th regular session of the Legislature. Signed by the Governor.

This bill contains the provisions of a Federation-sponsored bill, A.B. 1293 (Hollibaugh), which was therefore not pressed.

A.B. 872 (Maloney), providing that when payment of compensation has been unreasonably delayed or refused, the full amount of the Commission's order, decision or award shall be increased by 10 per cent. Signed by the Governor.

A.B. 1179 (Dunn and Sheridan), a Federation-sponsored bill, liberalizing the compensation insurance law as it relates to firemen and policemen, in connection with compensation for hernia, pneumonia and heart trouble. Signed by the Governor.

A.B. 1290 (Carey et al), a Federation-sponsored bill which has the effect of increasing compensation awards in cases of lump sum payments.

A.B. 1343 (Thomas), providing that in case an employer fails to secure payment of compensation

by taking out workmen's compensation insurance, the Commission may add a reasonable attorney's fee to any award for compensation. Signed by the Governor.

This bill has accomplished in part, the ends sought by two Federation-sponsored bills, A.B. 136 (Burkhalter et al) and A.B. 141 (O'Day), which permits treatment by osteopaths and chiropractors, as well as by physicians and surgeons, of employees suffering industrial injuries. Signed by the Governor.

A.B. 1885 (King), removes an ambiguity in the present law by providing that only the signature of the employee or other beneficiary to an agreement of compromise or release shall be witnessed or a notary public.

S.B. 85 (Mayo), which provides for the payment of benefits for subsequent injuries to employees already permanently partially disabled as a result of previous injury.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE A.B. 220 (Lyons), a Federation-sponsored act which brings employers of one or more under the Unemployment Insurance Act. Enactment of this bill would prove to be the Federation's greatest positive accomplishment of the session.

A.B. 599 (Kraft and Erwin), which sets up a system of elective coverage whereby self-employed may elect to bring themselves under the Act. Signed by the Governor.

A.B. 1538 (Lyons et al), reducing the present waiting period from two weeks to one week. Signed by the Governor.

S.B. 1084 (Shelley et al), which provides that an appeal to a referee or to the Appeals Board may be accepted if it is late for good cause. A late appeal to the Board from a referee's decision must, however, be filed no later than 30 days after notification.

S.B. 1093 (Shelley et al), providing a flexible system of uniform disqualifications of from one to five weeks for voluntary quits, discharge for cause, refusal to accept suitable employment, and wilful misrepresentation.

WOMEN AND MINORS A.B. 329 (Gaffney et al), tightening the existing law in regard to working hours of women so as to prevent women employees from working a total of more than 8 hours in one day or 48 hours in one week for more than one employer. Signed by the Governor.

A.B. 331 (Gaffney et al), putting teeth into existing provisions protecting minors employed as performers in theaters, motion picture, radio broadcasting or television studios, by making the violation of any of these provisions by an adult a misdemeanor. Signed by the Governor.

A.B. 334 (Gaffney et al), clarifies and strengthens existing law in regard to the handling of (Continued on Page 2)

## Labor Rejects Them



The so-called "industrial peace" bill sponsored in the Senate by these three men would straitjacket labor, nullify its hard-won gains and destroy unions, all branches of organized labor warn. L to r: Sen. Harold H. Burton (R., O.); Sen. Carl A. Hatch (D., N.M.), and Sen. Joseph A. Ball (R., Minn.). (Harris & Ewing photo via Federated Pictures)



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## NOT WORDS—BUT DEEDS!

Usually reliable statisticians think that soon there will be two and a half million unemployed. Reactionaries say: "Let 'em starve—they're just too lazy to work." The "private enterprisers" say: "Wait, prosperity is just around the corner—we'll sell bonds and feed 'em a while."

The realists say: "Give them productive work of public value. If the public must pay them, then let them produce for the public—hospitals, schools, libraries, roads, bridges, canals, harbors, dams, power projects, irrigation works. Pay them enough to enable them to maintain self-respect, and that means the going wage for the class of work done."

Let us establish now the program of our late lamented President's "Economic Bill of Rights." Read it again, and let it be the clarion call for all America as we enter the perilous days of reconversion and readjustment:

The right to a useful and remunerative job in the industries, or shops or farms or mines of the Nation;  
The right to earn enough to provide adequate food and clothing and recreation;  
The right of every farmer to raise and sell his products at a return which will give him and his family a decent living;  
The right of every businessman large and small, to trade in an atmosphere of freedom from unfair competition and domination by monopolies at home or abroad;  
The right of every family to a decent home;  
The right to adequate medical care, and the opportunity to achieve and enjoy good health;  
The right to adequate protection from the economic fears of old age, sickness, accident and unemployment;  
The right to a good education."

## RATIONING AND DEMOCRACY

A recent Gallup poll reports that a considerable majority of the people are opposed to consumer rationing at restaurants. That is quite understandable. Because of private greed of the packers and the problems caused by the black market, most people have to go to a restaurant once in a while to get a piece of beef, chicken or fish.

But the fact remains that the most glaring weakness in the nation's entire rationing program has been the government's failure to help equalize distribution of scarce basic foods by requiring patrons to furnish red coupons for meat orders in cafes and restaurants. Here's how it works out:

At present a rich family gets the same amount of red ration coupons per month as a poor family. The poor family cannot afford to go to restaurants and pay from \$1.00 to \$2.00 a head for steak dinners. But the rich family can go out every night in the week. In fact, many of the more well-to-do families eat out all the time. If the choice meat items are obtainable only through black market sources at outrageous prices, the people with the money get them, and the people without the money do without. Meantime, the families who eat out all the time or a good part of the time have surplus red coupons. These coupons they usually give to a favored friend or relative, and thus the favored one often gets the use of many times his share of red coupons.

No one objects to war sacrifice to whatever extent necessary, but in a democracy we are supposed to have something like equality of sacrifice in times of national emergency. The refusal to introduce consumer rationing for restaurant meat dishes is, to a considerable extent, responsible for the present national "shortage" and, once again, the American working class has been made the victim of the economic philosophy that the folks who have the money get the gravy.

## DEPENDS ON WHOSE 'PIPE LINE'

For many years the editors of the periodical "Amerasia" have been giving students the "low-down" on trends in the Far East. Themselves experts on developments in India, China, Burma, the Malay States, the Dutch East Indies, they have also drawn on all authoritative sources possible to give the reader as balanced a picture as possible. As a subscriber to "Amerasia," we have nothing but praise for its work—in fact, to be thoroughly informed on the subject one would be handicapped without this important magazine.

Other writers have had "pipe lines" into the State Department but have never been arrested. In such cases the writers have echoed State Department policy. "Amerasia" has often been critical of that policy, and that's where the rub comes in. No charge has been made that the editors aided the enemy or were guilty of bribery in securing secret information. But the "Amerasia" case seems to confirm the suspicion that unless you string along with the stuffed shirts in the State Department who played ball with Franco, smirked at Argentina and appeased Japan before 1941, you can't have a "pipe line," and if you try to establish one Mr. J. Edgar Hoover will get you if you don't watch out!

## OR SOMETHING OR OTHER

After all the furore about the "arrested 16" and the subsequent confessions of collaboration with Germany, it begins to look as if certain newspaper publishers and radio oracles will have to do a Pole-vault.

## THE MARCH OF LABOR



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## TIMELY QUESTIONS

Why do our churches stress manners, mannerisms and conventions rather than the fundamental hungers and satisfactions that so deeply concern all men? Why is it that we have heard from our pulpits more sermons against smoking than against segregation? More denunciations of dancing than plans for providing recreational opportunities for young people? More diatribes against drinking than lessons in how to work out satisfying family relationships which obviate the craving for drink? More scare stories about torments of hell than about horrors of war? —PAUL SNELLING in "Christian Advocate."

## POEM OF THE WEEK

## Mankind Needs Men

"Mankind needs men, men that can stand alone  
Their faith unsullied in a sordid world.  
The age is growing, right comes to its own.  
Prometheus loosed no more from gods is hurled.

"Mankind needs men, such as in days of old  
Deemed that bright treasurer Honor more than gold.  
Should courtesy and courage be upheld  
Less nobly now than in the days of old?"

## Up In Central Park



Organized labor saluted the 7th War Loan with a giant AFL-CIO rally in New York's Central Park, where 10,000 heard AFL Pres. William Green, CIO Pres. Philip Murray and Sec. of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau repeat the necessity for buying bonds. Top: A section of the crowd. Bottom: Chairman Frederick W. Gehle of State War Finance Committee; Morgenthau, Green and Murray. (Federated Pictures)

## Some Important Measures to Help Labor Get Across

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weights by women employees. Signed by the Governor.

A.B. 2087 (Johnson), extending the provisions of the Minor's Emergency War Employment Act for two years, with strengthening and clarifying amendments. Signed by the Governor.

A.B. 2088 (Johnson), continuing for two years the present emergency provisions of the Women's Wage and Hour law. Both this bill and A.B. 2087 make a violation by the employer of the conditions set forth in the permit a misdemeanor punishable by fine. Signed by the Governor.

## STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

A.B. 1180 (Dunn et al), which provides that city policemen and firemen may retire at the age of 55, instead of 60; not retroactive. Signed by the Governor.

A.B. 1913 (Call), providing that all overtime worked by any state employee shall be computed on the full rate of pay. The present law has discriminated against employees who receive more than \$250 a month. Signed by the Governor.

S.B. 899 (Gordon), which provides vacations for county fire wardens, and further stipulates that the vacation period for all firemen shall run on consecutive days.

## OTHERS

A.B. 248 (Waters) and A.B. 249 (Waters), make amendments in the law relative to the printing of indexes of voters which have been sought by the printing trades unions. Signed by the Governor.

A.B. 270 (McMillan), providing for adequate ventilation and additional exits in motion picture projection booths. Signed by the Governor.

A.B. 332 (Gaffney et al), which authorizes the Labor Commissioner to collect claims for vacation, sick leave, and severance pay as a part of wages due.

A.B. 333 (Gaffney), which provides that all pay deductions shall be listed on a separate sheet or on a detachable stub of the paycheck.

A.B. 335 (Gaffney), forbidding any employer to interfere in any way with the political affiliations and activities of his employees.

A.B. 630 and A.B. 631 (Thompson et al), which increases salaries of members of Board of Barber Examiners, and provides funds to meet the increased costs. Signed by the Governor.

A.B. 1048 (Fourt), authorizing the State Corporation Commissioner to supervise funds of private retirement systems.

A.B. 1391 (Lyons et al), which reorganizes the State Department of Industrial Relations in the interests of increased efficiency.

A.B. 1531 (Stewart et al), setting up machinery whereby slum areas can be eliminated and modern housing units constructed by private interests.

A.B. 1879 (Cannon and Geddes), regulates commercial printing in schools of printing. Signed by the Governor.

A.B. 2057 (Johnson and Wollenberg), which sets up machinery for the relief of unemployment when, as and if it is needed.

A.B. 2158 (Stephenson), providing additional and badly needed text books for the public schools. Signed by the Governor.

A.B. 2177 (McMillan), which provides that no applicant for employment shall be compelled to pay the cost of any physical examination in connection with the position he seeks.

## Bad Bills Defeated

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE  
A.B. 995 (Call), a very bad bill which would have permitted employers, whose reserve was at such a point that a small amount of additional contributions would give them a lower percent rate of future contribution, to voluntarily pay that amount in order to get the future saving.

A.B. 2199 (Lyons), entitling the purchaser of a business to merit rating based upon the employment experience of the former owner.

S.B. 815 (Rich), which would have curtailed the coverage of seamen by the Unemployment Insurance Act, and introduced into the Act certain provisions which would have had an adverse effect on the Act as a whole.

S.B. 980 (Desmond), excluding insurance agents from unemployment insurance coverage.

S.B. 1083 (Judah et al), which proposed to set up a formula for the computation of unemployment insurance benefits for seasonal workers so as to practically exclude this entire category of workers from coverage.

OTHERS  
A.B. 208 (Middough et al), permitting the use of photostatic process in the offices of county recorders.

A.B. 672 (King et al), allowing minors under the age of sixteen to be employed in bowling alleys.

A.B. 682 (Lyons), which would have permitted children's clothes, toys and dolls to be manufactured in the home, a practice long prohibited in California.

A.B. 1453 (Call), which attempted to prevent unions from actively participating in political matters by the rule of prohibiting any "interference" with the political affiliations and activities of their members.

A.B. 1632 (Werdell), reducing the time for filing claims under the Federal Wage and Hour law from three years to one year.

A.B. 1953 (Davis and Call), which would have forbidden unions to levy any assessment for political purposes, without restricting the right of any employer's organization to finance campaigns inimical to the rights of labor. This was known as the "DeMille" bill.

A.B. 2096 (Kraft), enabling employers to discharge or refuse to hire persons advocating "subversive" ideas.

A.B. 2194 (Allen), which under the pretense of providing jobs for returning veterans, could have provided the basis for nullifying all union contracts.

A.J.R. 37 (Niehouse), memorializing Congress to adopt a women's "equal rights" amendment to the Federal Constitution. After this resolution was amended at the request of the California State Federation of Labor so as to keep in effect all protective legislation covering women workers, it was stricken from the file. A subsequently introduced resolution to accomplish the same purpose, A.J.R. 44 (Niehouse and Lyon), died in committee.

## Bad Bills Passed

S.B. 615 (Sutton), which writes into the California Unemployment Insurance Act the federal definition of agricultural labor, thus depriving at least 100,000 workers of unemployment insurance benefits.

S.B. 1191 (Parkman), an Unemployment Insurance measure designed to institute a purely fictitious bookkeeping procedure whereby the accounts of employers will be charged with only 73 per cent of the payments against them, the balance being charged against the employees. Thousands of employers can obtain lower rates under the iniquitous merit rating provisions of the Act, which will tend to deplete the Fund.

Strong arguments opposing these two bills have been sent to the Governor by the State Federation of Labor, urging that he veto them.

## Of General Interest

## HEALTH INSURANCE

A.B. 800 (Wollenberg et al), A.B. 449 (Thomas et al), A.B. 2201 (Wollenberg and Thomas), the first two providing for prepaid health insurance and the third for prepaid hospital care, all failed to pass. Events in Sacramento proved that the time was not yet ripe for health insurance or prepaid hospital plans. Numerous efforts were made to get actions on such measures, but, in view of the present make-up of the Legislature, it was impossible to get a record vote on the merits of the issue.

## RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

A.B. 3 (Hawkins et al) and A.B. 1309 (Sam L. Collins et al) were designed to ease the strain of tensions created by racial discrimination. Both failed to get favorable recommendation in committee, and several efforts to bring them to the floor for consideration by the Assembly failed.

## SALARIES OF STATE EMPLOYEES

A.B. 718 (Gaffney et al) would have provided a \$25 a month increase in the salaries of state employees. Efforts to obtain this increase failed, however, but these employees will receive a \$15 monthly increase under the terms of the state budget.

## STATE REGULATION OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES

A.B. 17 (Allen and Doyle), A.B. 1426 (Kilpatrick), and A.B. 1846 (Evans), all of which failed to get out of committee, were bills to establish bureaucratic control over workers engaged as locksmiths, radio repairmen, and watchmakers respectively, and would have required examinations, licensing and the payment of fees by the employees involved.

## MILK DELIVERIES

A.B. 2144 (Thorpe), which was opposed by labor as an arbitrary extension of emergency war legislation into normal times, provided for every-other-day delivery of milk. Labor's fight against it was successful.

## CONTRACTORS' LICENSES

A.B. 2038 (Dickey), which establishes that any person who advertises in any manner that he will contract to do any repair or construction work is subject to the provisions of the Contractors License Law, irrespective of the amount of the contract involved, was passed by the Legislature.

## She Wasn't Borida

There was a young teacher in Fla.  
Whose behavior grew torrid and ta.  
Till an impetuous student  
Became quite impudent  
And kissed her right out in the ca.

## Benson Asks Direct Sale of War Surplus Supplies to Farmer

New York City  
Pointing out that no legal obstacles stand in the way, Chairman Elmer A. Benson of National Citizens Political Action Committee pressed the organization's plan for direct sale to farmers of such surplus war properties as trucks, jeeps, automobiles and tractors. The question of legality had been raised at a conference between Benson and Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace.

In a recent wire to Wallace, Benson said: "We have, however, made our own investigation and find there is nothing in the law to prevent the Department of Commerce in the sale of surplus war property to give the farmer priority to buy at established prices in the farmer's own community and give the farmer every accommodation to which he is entitled."

## COURT RULES OUT DAMAGE SUIT WHEN WORK HALTED

Washington, D. C.  
In a 5 to 4 decision the U. S. Supreme Court held that a labor union may not be sued under the Sherman anti-trust act for refusal to work, even if such action destroys an employer's business.

The case involved Hunts Motor Freight and Food Products Transport of Philadelphia, and the Brotherhood of Transportation Workers (AFL). During a truckers' strike, a union member was killed and Edward A. Hunt, one of the proprietors, was acquitted of a murder charge in the slaying. The union then was charged with refusing to admit Hunt employees into membership, and the firm sued for treble damages and asked for an injunction under the anti-trust act.

The union replied it was acting to serve legitimate labor objectives and that its affairs might "become disorganized if persons of the character of the petitioners (Hunts) were recognized as proper union associates."

## Upright, Anyway

When Mrs. Rosita Forbes visited the prison at San Paulo she asked if there were many thieves among the inmates.

The Warden was shocked: "Oh no," he replied. "Brazilians are very honest, nearly all the men here are murderers."

## Chinese Co-op Sabotaged By Govt., Charged

New York City  
The Chinese industrial cooperatives are maintaining their existence despite a policy of sabotage by the Kuomintang government in Chungking.

This was the story told by Elsie Fairfax-Cholemeley, who has been working for the co-ops in the area under Chungking control. She got there under escort of Chinese guerrillas after escaping in 1942 from a Japanese prison camp in Hong Kong.

Explaining that Chungking authorities "do not want an organized people's movement," Miss Fairfax-Cholemeley said: "The government is made up of people who are making money by hoarding, speculating and generally profiting under the present inflationary conditions. Despite financial aid from the U. S., the Kuomintang government has done nothing to help production since the war started."

## CHARGES "SOFT JOBS"

While discouraging the industrial co-ops, the government tries to control them and to make them provide soft jobs for politicians and their relatives. At one time the government forced Chungking co-op headquarters to take as many as 200 on its staff.

Communist China is still almost completely cut off from the Chungking section and the co-ops of the two sections are likewise isolated from each other, Miss Fairfax-Cholemeley explained.

## Ever Try This?

Ed Wynn tells a story about a man who was driving with his wife in the midst of a violent rainstorm. She was bawling him out unmercifully when suddenly she stopped talking entirely and sat silently shaking her head vigorously from left to right. He didn't want to question his luck, so he drove through the rain for half an hour peering straight ahead. Then he looked over and found out the cause of it all. His wife's nose had gotten caught in the windshield wiper.

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BARTENDERS 545—Meets 1st Monday at 2 p.m. and 3rd Monday at 8 p.m. at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts. Pres., Eddie Rose. Secretary and Business Agent, Karl E. Hess. Office at Teamsters Hall, phone 6209.

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CARPENTERS 925—Meets first and third Tuesdays at 7:30, Carpenters' Hall, North Main St. Pres. Roy Willis; Vice-Pres. R. Timmerman; Bus. Agent, George Harter, Sec. H. L. Taft, 243 Clay St., Phone 4246; Treas. R. L. Thurman, 5 Fort Ave.; Rec. Sec. Amos Schofield.

CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 373—Business and social meeting fourth Wednesday each month at Carpenters Hall. Pres. Jean Pilliar; Fin. Sec. Bernice Pilliar; Rec. Sec. Blanche Van Emon.

CULINARY ALLIANCE 467—No regular meetings scheduled, and subject only to call. Secretary Bertha A. Boles. Office at Teamsters Hall, Main and John Sts., phone 6209.

ENGINEERS (OPERATING) 165—Meets 2nd Monday at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts., at 8 p.m. Pres., C. R. Ingersoll, P.O. Box 2, Freedom, Secretary, Harry Vosburgh, 404 California St., Salinas, phone 4972.

INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS, LOCAL 611—Meets first Tuesday every other month 10 a.m. in Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres. Art Reina, 605 Mae Ave., Phone Salinas 9795; Bus. Agent James Wilson, 80 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, Phone 1216; Rec. Sec. Chas. Covey, 364 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz.

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, Local Union 243—Meets the first Tuesday in each month at the Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., at 8:00 p.m. C. B. Phillips, Bus. Mgr. Phone 3361. 25 Harvest St. E. M. Bills, Pres. Phone 6524.

HOD CARRIERS AND LABORERS UNION 272—Meets second Monday of each month at 8:00 p.m. at 117 Pajaro St. R. Fenchel, Pres. 17 Railroad Ave.; J. F. Matos, Sec., 140 Lang St., Salinas; J. B. McGinley, Bus. Agent, office at 117 Pajaro St.

LATHERS UNION NO. 463—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple second and fourth Fridays, 8 p.m. President, Roy R. Bengel, Hilby St., Monterey, Phone Monterey 4820; Sec. Treas. Dean S. Seefeldt, 526 Park St., Salinas, Phone 9223.

MONTEREY COUNTY CENTRAL LABOR UNION—Meets every Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts.; W. G. Kenyon, Sec. Treas., 2 Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts., phone 4893; home phone 8539. Pres. F. H. L. Sprague, ph. 3883. Labor Council Negotiation Committee: Albert Harter, Main and John Sts., ph. 4983; Geo. Harter, Carpenters Hall, 422 N. Main St., ph. 5721.

OPERATIVE PLASTERERS AND CEMENT FINISHERS OF SALINAS AND MONTEREY COUNTY, LOCAL UNION NO. 763: Meets second and fourth Friday of the month at 8:00 p.m., at Rodeo Cafe. Fred Randon, Secretary, 31 Buena Vista, Salinas, Phone 1423; President, John Kirk.

PAINTERS 1104—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts., at 7:30 p.m., Pres. Donald McBeth, 1014 Le Costa St., phone 4126. Secretary and Business Agent, Dennis Hartman, 614 Mae Ave., phone 8783.

PLUMBERS AND STEAM FITTERS' UNION Local 503—Meets second Wednesday of each month, 8:00 p.m., Salinas Labor Temple. Pres., Orin Border; Recording Secretary, William Farr; Financial Secretary, Erwin Goodson. Office at 215 E. Alisal St., Phone 3463. Executive Board meets each Tuesday night at Labor Temple.

POSTAL CARRIERS 1046—Meets every 3rd Monday alternately at homes of members at 8:30 p.m. President, L. E. Pierce, 43 Romer Lane, phone 3173. Secretary, H. C. Schreier, 636 El Camino Real, No. phone 7080.

PRESSMEN 328—Meets last Tuesday of month, alternating between Salinas and Watsonville. Pres. Milo Wingard, 339 West St., Salinas, Secretary, Milo Martella, 225 Monterey St., Salinas.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Monterey at 411 1/2 Alvarado St., and at Salinas at 117 Pajaro St. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.) Pres. John Alsop, P.O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 7825. Fin. and Rec. Secy., F. F. Knowles, 232 River St., Santa Cruz, phone 1276-J. Bus. Agent for Salinas area, J. B. McGinley, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 6777. Bus. Agent for Monterey, L. T. Long, 411 1/2 Alvarado St., Monterey.

STATE COUNTY MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES 420—Meets on call at Labor Temple. President, H. E. Lyons, 15 West Street. Secretary, R. M. Allen, 124 East Alisal Street, Salinas.

SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS UNION NO. 20616—President, Les Hutchings; Secy., Geo. Ulrichsen, Spreckels. Meets in Forrester's Hall, Salinas, 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS AND AUTO TRUCK DRIVERS' UNION, LOCAL NO. 287—Meets first Wednesday in Oct. Jan. April, July at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts., Salinas, phone 7590.

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TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION NO. 543—R. C. Sprague, Salinas, Pres.; A. C. Davis, Sec. Treas., 109 Prospect St., Watsonville. Meets last Sunday, alternating between Watsonville and Salinas.

UNITED SLATE, TILE & COMPOSITION ROOFERS, DAMP & WATERPROOF WORKERS ASSOCIATION 500—Meets 3rd Friday, 88 p.m., Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres., Lloyd Lovett, 131 So. Branciforte, Santa Cruz; Sec., Frank Walker, 327 Alexander St., Salinas, Ph. 9668.

WAREHOUSEMEN 890—Meets first Tuesday night at Teamsters Hall, John and Main streets. Office at same address, phone 4893. President, Albert Harris. Secretary, W. G. Kenyon. Financial secretary and business representative, Peter A. Andrade.

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## FRUIT & PRODUCE DRIVERS.

## WAREHOUSEMEN AND

## EMPLOYEES UNION

Main and John Streets  
Salinas, California

The Contract with the Shipper-Growers was finally consummated on June 25, 1945. After negotiations since November, 1944, a contract was consummated between the Shipper-Growers Association and thirty-nine companies and our Union, which for the first time includes a Union Security clause. This contract will run from April 15, 1945 to March 1, 1946. Copies will be mimeographed in a short time. Any of our Shop Stewards working for the various companies can procure one by calling at the office of the Union.

All the Shop Stewards driving for the various vegetable companies deserve a "pat on the back" for the part they played in making this contract a reality. They are deserving of much praise and we ask all of the men driving for the various companies to cooperate wholeheartedly with the Shop Stewards.

To all of our members employed in the Ice Industry in Salinas: On June 19 the Industry was presented with a new contract by your representatives. On June 29, we resumed contract negotiations. The matter is deadlocked and the U. S. Conciliation Service has been asked to intervene. The issues involved are union security, seniority, shift premium, and pro-rated vacations. We have every reason to believe that an agreement can be reached.

To all of our members employed at the Speigl Foods Company the union has been informed by company representatives that in a short time a new first-aid room will be fully equipped with a staff of three registered nurses on three shifts. If you recall, your union asked of the company on numerous occasions that a first-aid room such as this one be made ready. This will complete a series of improvements that have come about through the close cooperation between Labor and Management at this plant. To all the girls working in the "Merry-go-round" we now have a new Shop Steward.

His name is Virginia Young, Badge No. 1514. You will be expected to give her your complete cooperation. Best of luck. This will now complete two committees, three stewards on the day shift and three on the night shift. For your information, the following will act as your Stewards on the day shift: Margaret Grasso and Vivian Crisp for the women and Jim Porter for the men; night shift, Vivian Young for the women in the "Merry-go-round," Hershel Emberson for the men in the main building and Carl McGehee for all men and women in the finishing room. These Stewards have grievance forms so that you can be best served in the event it becomes necessary.

Last week your Union requested this column that any member who becomes unemployed to contact the office of your Union. We see quite a bit of work ahead. We would much rather find suitable employment for our members than have them hunting jobs of their own. If you live in the Gilroy area contact our division office there. In a short time we hope to open up a small office in Watsonville to take care of our people there, at which time you will be notified to register for employment if and when this condition is brought about in Watsonville. In Salinas we want you to continue registering for employment at our office.

To all of our members employed in the Watsonville area. Brother Kenyon will attempt to keep in touch with you as much as possible. As indicated in the foregoing paragraph, schedules will be arranged so that you will know when the Union representative reaches your particular place of employment. We ask all of our members at the Western Frozen Foods to cooperate wholeheartedly with Goldie McGehee and Blanche Rutherford who are doing a splendid job as Shop Stewards. Next week a Shop Steward will be chosen to represent the men at this plant.

Your Union is very much concerned with Senate Bill 679 which recently was passed by the State Senate. This bill will deprive one hundred thousand workers of unemployment insurance this winter in the event the Governor signs it. Although it does not affect our immediate operations it will be a matter of time until someone will attempt to declare such operations, as dehydration and frozen foods industries, agricultural. Your union has wired the Governor, protesting this vicious measure and labor in Salinas, including the CIO who is very much involved, has done likewise.

To all of our members: From time to time some of our members are faced with what your union considers an attempt to force people into unsuitable employment. To illustrate the point: Only recently one of our members was asked to take a job that would have affected her physical make-up. Because she refused she became ineligible for unemployment insurance. This case was appealed by your Union and a decision was awarded in favor of our member by the appeals committee set up in this district. Be ever mindful of your rights when seeking employment. There are many conditions upon which a job is considered unsuitable. In the event you meet with a difficulty, contact your Union immediately.

To all of our members going back to work at the Raiter Canning Co.: Please place your withdrawal cards with the Union before going back to work. Union representatives will contact you on the job.

The following members received sick benefits this week. Gilroy: James Compton, fifth week; Joseph Malch, first week; Lorenzo Bertinetti, first week. Salinas: Scott O'Gwynn, fifth week; Louise Green, seventh week; Claudie Conkin, first week.

To all of you members: Be ever mindful of your obligation. Attend your Union meetings whenever possible. Remember, the war has not been won yet. Donate blood to the American Red Cross.

Buy bonds and patronize union services.

# Labor Press In Victory: SUPREME COURT'S DECISION ON AP MONOPOLY HAILED BY FEDERATED PRESS EDITORS

New York City  
A U. S. Supreme Court decision holding that the Associated Press membership laws violate the Sherman anti-trust act was hailed as a victory for freedom of the press in a statement by Federated Press, labor's daily news service.

The Department of Justice filed its suit against the AP monopoly August 28, 1942, on the basis of complaints made by FP and the Chicago Sun.

"Federated Press, as one of the original complainants against the monopolistic practices of AP, is happy to hear of the supreme court's decision," the FP statement said. "It is a substantial step towards a truly free press. We regret that the lower court's decision that AP's practices in the sale of pictures are not monopolistic did not go to the supreme court for review as the other issues did."

**FP FILES PHOTO CASE**  
The FP complaint, filed Feb. 12, 1942, charged that AP, by scrapping a picture mat service which it acquired from the New York Times, was restricting the supply of news pictures for more than 100 labor papers served by FP, as well as a large number of small daily newspapers and community weeklies.

A federal court decision Oct. 6, 1943, ordered the AP to amend its by-laws so that members would not be permitted to blackball their immediate competitors applying for membership. The court ruled, however, that AP's purchase of Wide World Photos and refusal to sell pictures to FP was not, as charged by the government, a violation of the anti-trust laws.

The U. S. Supreme Court decision handed down June 18 upheld the federal court's decision.

## Radio Broadcast Stations Charge McCormick With Throttle Tactic

Chicago, Illinois  
Independent radio station owners accused Col. Robert R. McCormick, owner of the Chicago Tribune and Station WGN, of sponsoring a radio libel bill that would throttle free expression over the air.

Previously vigorous opposition to the bill was voiced by Financial Sec. Maurice Lynch of the Chicago Federation of Labor, which owns WCLF, the Voice of Labor. The bill, applicable to radio speakers, owners or operators, would penalize libel by radio with a one-year jail sentence and a \$500 fine. It has already been approved by the state senate judiciary committee and is due on the floor of the upper house.

William J. Friedman, counsel for the independent radio stations, said the isolationist newspaper publisher was sponsoring the bill in an "effort to prohibit the broadcasting in Illinois of controversial and political programs and to scare radio broadcasters."

## CLOTHING WORKERS STEP UP UNION'S INSURANCE PLANS

New York City  
Following extension of its insurance program to include 100,000 cotton garment and neckwear workers, the Amalgamated Life and Health Insurance Co. voted to increase its capital stock from \$300,000 to \$1,000,000 and its paid-in surplus from \$150,000 to \$1,000,000.

Look out for your tongue; it's in a wet place and might slip.

## Checking Up On 'Em



To guard the health of its members, Local 155, Intl. Ladies Garment Workers Union (AFL) conducted a free X-ray survey at its New York City headquarters in cooperation with Brooklyn Tuberculosis Assn. Watching while a technician X-rays a unionist are, l to r: ILGWU Vice-Pres. Charles S. Zimmerman; Dr. Herbert R. Edwards; Local 155 Manager-Sec. Louis Nelson and Dr. Leo Price, director of Union Health Center. (Federated Pictures).

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BARBERS LOCAL 896—Meets 1st Thursdays at Bartenders Hall, 301 Alvarado St. President, Ralph Lester, 307 1/2 Madison St.; Secretary-Treas., A. H. Thompson, 243 Alvarado St., Ph. 5741.

BARTENDERS, HOTEL AND RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES 483—Meets at 315 Alvarado St. 1st Monday at 8:30 p.m. and 3rd Monday at 2:30 p.m. Pres. and Bus. Agent, E. D. McCutcheon. Secretary, Pearl Robinson, 315 Alvarado St., phone 6734.

BRICK MASON LOCAL UNION NO. 16—Meets Building Trades Hall, second and fourth Friday, 8:00 p.m. President F. B. Hair, P. O. Box 284, Watsonville; Fin. Sec., M. Real, 154 Eldorado, Monterey, Phone 6745; Rec. Sec., Geo. Houde, 208 Carmel Ave., Pacific Grove, Phone 3715.

BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY—Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 411 1/2 Alvarado St., at 8 p.m. Pres., W. J. Dickerson, 201 Monroe St., phone 8160. Secretary and Bus. Agent, L. T. Long, Pacific Grove, phone P.G. 4292. Office at 411 1/2 Alvarado St., phone 6744. Mailing address: P.O. Box 611, Office hours: 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., 7:30 to 9 p.m.

BUTCHERS 506 (Monterey Branch)—Pres. Floyd Harris; Vice-Pres., S. Corona; Rec. Sec., Helen Day; Fin. Sec., Gene Hellam; Bus. Agt., Earl Moorhead, San Jose, Ph. Columbia 2132.

CARPENTERS 1323—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 8 p.m. at 411 1/2 Alvarado St. Pres., Geo. Dietl, phone 7992. Fin. Secy., D. L. Ward, 400 Gibson St., phone 6726. Bus. Rep. L. T. Long, phone 6726. Office at 411 1/2 Alvarado St., P.O. Box 611, phone 6744.

MONTEREY PENINSULA CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL—Meets at Bartenders Hall, 301 Alvarado St. 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Pres., E. D. McCutcheon. Vice-Pres., J. F. Wheat. Secretary-Treasurer, Wayne Edwards, 823 Johnson Ave., phone 7622.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS NO. 1072—Meets 2nd Monday at 411 1/2 Alvarado Street, Monterey. E. C. Geary, president. Paul Day, secretary. Phone 7550.

AFL PISH CANEY WORKERS UNION OF PACIFIC, MONTEREY COUNTY—Meets on call. Pres. and Bus. Agent, Louis Martin; Sec., Lester Caveny. Office, Labor Temple, 320 Hoffman St., New Monterey.

HODCARRIERS, BUILDING AND COMMON LABORERS 600—Meets in New Labor Temple, Monterey, first Sunday morning of each month at 10 o'clock. President, Perry Luce, 1251 David avenue. Vice-President, Thomas E. McGuire, P. O. Box 156, Seaside. Secretary-Treasurer, Frank E. Decker, P. O. Box 1305, Monterey.

INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS, LOCAL 611—Meets first Tuesday every other month, 10 a.m. in Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres., Art Reina, 605 Mae Ave., Phone Salinas 9795; Bus. Agent James Wilson, 80 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, Phone 1216; Rec. Sec., Chas. Covey, 364 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz.

LATHERS UNION NO. 463—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple second and fourth Fridays, 8 p.m. President, Roy R. Bengel, Hilby St., Monterey, Phone Monterey 4820; Secretary-Treasurer, Dean S. Seefeldt, 1508 First St., Salinas, Phone Salinas 674.

MOTOR COACH EMPLOYEES, Division 192—President, Harry M. Fox Jr.; Secretary, Herman R. Bach.

MONTEREY COUNTY FEDERATED TEACHERS NO. 457—Meet in Monterey second Wednesday, 5:00 P. M. Fin. Sec., Wayne Edwards, 823 Johnson Ave., Monterey, Phone 7622.

MUSICIANS 616—Meetings, when called, held at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, at 2:30 p.m. Pres., A. A. Hirsch, Seaside, Calif., phone Monterey 4257. Secretary, Harry H. Judson, Box 422, Pacific Grove, phone P.G. 6166. Office at 500 Asilomar Blvd., Pacific Grove, phone P.G. 6166.

PAINTERS 272—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 315 Alvarado St. at 8 p.m. Pres., Robert Deakin, 149 Monterey, Pacific Grove, phone P.G. 9285. Secy., Ed. L. Castle, 457 Wave, Monterey, phone 6312. Financial secretary, J. C. Hazelwood, 419 9th St., Pacific Grove, phone P.G. 7905.

PLASTERERS AND CEMENT FINISHERS NO. 337—Meet first and third Friday, Building Trades Hall, Monterey, 8:00 p.m. President, Earl Smith, Monterey; Financial Secretary, V. J. Willoughby, 152 Carmel Avenue, Pacific Grove.

PLUMBERS AND STEAMFITTERS NO. 62—Meets 2nd and 4th Friday at 411 1/2 Alvarado Street at 8 p.m. L. A. Trine, President, Phone 5704. H. Diaz, secretary, 1271 3rd Street, Monterey, Phone 7886.

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REPORTS**By  
GEORGE E. OUTLAND

Annually during these war years comes the battle for the renewal of one of the most important acts passed by Congress in support of the war effort—the price control act. All governmental controls are disliked by us Americans, but the vast majority of our people have been willing to put up with temporary inconveniences and sacrifices for the sake of winning the war more quickly. We will all breathe a sigh of relief when such controls are no longer necessary and can be done away with.

One of the aspects of price control that has been especially troublesome on the West Coast is that of rent control. The concentration of military establishments and of war industries in this area has sent our population soaring at the same time that strict control over critical materials has limited new housing construction. This has resulted in the most highly congested conditions we have ever known. With such congestion, control of rental prices became necessary. It has been my experience that the great majority of property owners are fair and just and that they have cooperated in the attempt to prevent undue rise in rentals. A very small minority, however, took advantage of congested conditions, and it was this fact which caused federal rent control to be imposed in one community after another. Had it been possible through local control to prevent this minority from "gouging," it is my firm conviction that federal rent control would never have come into many communities.

Now we face the problem of holding the inflation line and at the same time attempting to remedy the cases of injustice which have crept into the administration of the act. This is a very difficult two-fold task, but not an impossible one. It involves constant vigilance and careful correction of conditions both on a community-wide basis and on an individual case basis. For example, in areas where the freeze date on rentals was established at a time when community conditions were depressed, action should be taken to remedy the situation on a community basis; in other instances, adjustments must come case by case, and individual injustices must be corrected.

Your representative turned into the House Banking and Currency Committee eight specific suggestions with the recommendation that they be included in the committee report which accompanied the price control bill to the floor. It is my opinion that a declaration of Congressional intent by these eight statements would have helped materially in correcting injustices in the administration of rent control. The Committee adopted some of them, but others were omitted, for which omission I am personally sorry. I strongly believe that for a firm enforcement of the act every possible effort must be made to see that fair play and justice prevail; it was to ensure a greater degree of such fair play and justice that my own recommendations were made.

Briefly, the more important of my recommendations may be summarized as follows:

1. If there is evidence that housing properties in a defense rental area are not in general earning a fair and equitable rent, the Administration is authorized to take such steps in regard to rents as will bring about this condition. (The Committee report adopted this general principle with some wide variation.)
2. "Substantial hardship" was defined more clearly than is presently the case, and provision was recommended for adjustment.
3. "Peculiar circumstances" classifications were to be included in the regulations themselves, and as much discretion as possible was given to the area administrator to include additional classes under this grouping.
4. Petitions involving mutually agreed upon increases in services or equipment should be made retroactive to the date of filing of petition. (The Committee made a strong recommendation on this particular point, and I look to see immediate improvement in situations involving a question of retroactivity.)
5. "It is consistent with the purposes of the act that the Administrator provide for the granting of additional rent for additional occupants in excess of the number occupying the property on the date determining the maximum rent date in such amounts as will fully compensate for all services and facilities and provide an incentive for maximum use of available

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We wish to call to the attention of those members who took out withdrawal cards—THEY MUST DEPOSIT THEM IMMEDIATELY upon going to work and paying the current month's dues. When the campaign started many of you continued to work without complying with this rule. Withdrawal cards may be cancelled and a reinstatement fee paid if this is not observed.

The basic rate of pay in the General Millroom and Warehouse is 85 cents per hour.

Those of you who have gone to work in the cannery will report to that union representative and he will request a transfer from this local union. The current months dues, all back dues, fines and assessments that you may be in arrears of this Union must be paid before transfer is completed. Reinstatement fee into the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers Union, and if you go delinquent a reinstatement fee must be paid to the local union from which you were suspended. We ask you to observe these rules, that you will remain in good standing and also save you money.

Wesley Porter passing the cigars? Became the father of an 8-pound daughter "Rowena Lynn," June 27.

Plans are being made for softball teams, both men and women. Speigels Food could get some competition here.

Brother Nick Barboro proudly showing his son Chief Alfred Barboro through the plant. Alfred home on leave from the Navy.

If your representative seems to be missing at times, remember he is also working in Watsonville and Hollister. Watsonville will take up a good part of his time during the next few weeks. We ask all of you to co-operate with the Shop Stewards and remind all new employees they must join the Union. Please wear your Union buttons on the job where they will be seen. A fine may be placed on those who continue to work without them.

Back pay checks will probably be in your hands by the time you receive this paper. Don't forget those extra War Bonds. They will grow into more money for you.

Turn any news items you may have to the Shop Stewards or Mrs. Porter—let us together make our column really interesting.

**LACK OF WORKERS  
HOLDS BACK MORE  
SOLDIER CLOTHING**

Philadelphia, Penn. Despite an urgent government appeal for increased production of many critical textile products for the fighting fronts, many manufacturers here are unable to fulfill current production schedules because of lack of 1000 skilled and semi-skilled workers, according to the WMC.

**Answer: A 21 Bloc**

The United Nations conference at San Francisco voted to bar Franco Spain from joining the new world security organization. What has Argentina got that Franco hasn't?

Ants are good citizens—they place group interests first.—CLARENCE DAY.

housing accommodations. Such provision does not apply to children born to tenants in possession." (The Committee omitted this recommendation completely; however, I have just talked to the National Director about the importance of this problem on the Pacific Coast and have received verbal assurance of corrective action. More on this point later.)

6. Recommendations were made for a greater degree of local authority in policy-making and if necessary for the seeking of more adequate funds to carry out the recommendations here made.

I repeat that, while rent control, as all phases of price control, is difficult and involves many headaches, I personally intend to keep on working toward the more successful fulfillment of the two-fold goal: holding the line against inflation and ironing out the injustices and inequities in administration.

Until next week. . . .

**Warns Against  
Attempts To  
Divide Allies**

New York City

The people must organize to combat powerful forces of reaction which are already setting the stage for a third world war, Sidney Hillman, honorary chairman of the National Citizens Political Action Committee, warned here.

Speaking at a dinner in honor of himself and Elmer A. Benson, new chairman of the NCPAC executive council, Hillman declared that American reactionaries are trying to make the victory over Nazism a hollow victory by "undermining and sapping away the unity of the United Nations—the peoples' greatest source of strength in their struggle for peace and freedom."

"Today," he said, "they concentrate on driving a wedge between our country and the Soviet Union. They assiduously sow the seeds of suspicion and distrust of our great ally. They try to dull our memory of Russia's priceless and heroic contribution to our common victory."

Warning that this campaign has not been "without effect," Hillman said: "It is the task of all progressive and peace-loving Americans to expose and defeat this campaign which has the Soviet Union as its immediate target but which threatens the very foundation on which we hope to erect an enduring peace, international cooperation for an economy of plenty and true democracy for all the peoples."

**Printing Trades  
Ignore Order to  
Return to Work  
For Donnelley's**

Washington, D. C. Chairman George W. Taylor of the National War Labor Board telegraphed officials of the AFL printing trades unions on strike at the R. R. Donnelley & Sons Co. plant in Chicago to return the workers to their jobs and enter negotiations with the management.

The wire said "the strike at the Donnelley plant in Chicago is in violation of the national no-strike, no-lockout agreement."

AFL Printing Pressmen, Photo Engravers, International Typographical and Bookbinders unions are engaging in a work stoppage at the Donnelley plant and the International Association of Machinists and the Amalgamated Lithographers unions are declining to cross picket lines although they are not on strike.

The Donnelley firm prints Time and Life magazines in addition to the big Sears Roebuck catalogs. The principal issue in conflict is the union's demand for a closed shop.

**Higgins Strike  
Over; Workers  
Protest Ruling**

New Orleans, La. More than 2000 workers at Higgins Industries here were back at work after the AFL Metal Trades and Building Trades Councils voted to end a one-week strike. The walkout began to protest a ruling by the National War Labor Board approving company cancellation of contracts with the AFL.

SERGEANT (on rifle range): "This new bullet will penetrate nearly two feet of solid wood, so remember to keep your heads down."

**GIGGLES  
AND  
GROANS**

KIN UNDER THE SKIN

A logging operator, of the "gyp" type, in the Northwest came into the camp area one day while his crew was out in the woods. The camp seemed deserted, and all was quiet—except that the boss kept thinking he heard voices. Sure enough, small voices seemed to be coming from the bunkhouse. The operator stuck his head into a window which was standing half open, and was immediately greeted by small cries:

"Hello, Brother!"

The boss looked around, but could see no one. However, the voices continued:

"Hi, Brother—Hi, there!"

Finally he saw them—several big, fat bedbugs—sitting on the edge of one of the bunks, lifting up their heads in comradely fashion.

Angered, the boss replied: "What the hell do you mean by this brother stuff?"

"Why, we're blood brothers," replied one of the bugs.

"Blood brothers?" snorted the operator.

"Sure," said the tiny voice. "You bleed 'em by day, and we bleed 'em by night."

SAYING IT WITH VINEGAR

WIFE: "I've got you this bottle of hair tonic, darling."

HUSBAND: "But my hair is all right."

WIFE: "I know, but I want you to give it to your typist at the office; her hair is coming out rather badly."

THE DEBONAIR GENT

On an examination paper a high-school girl gave the following definition:

"A gentleman is a man who gives up his seat to a lady in a public convenience."

DOUBLE-CROSSED

A young miss, wanting to return a bottle of perfume, told the clerk that it had not lived up to its advertisement. Her soldier boy-friend was not falling for her as the advertisement had claimed that he would. In fact, the effect was the opposite.

"Instead of falling for me," she complained, "I wind up making a pass at him because of his shaving lotion."

PATTERN OF LOGIC

One day in an Officers' Club a young lieutenant noticed a major sitting in an easy chair staring blankly out the window. In an effort to cheer up his superior and to get himself "in good" with him, the lieutenant stepped over and offered him a cigar.

"No, thanks," said the major. "I don't smoke. I had one once and didn't like it."

"Well, then, maybe you would care for a cocktail," suggested the lieutenant.

"No," said the major emphatically. "I had one once and didn't like it."

"Would you care to play a game of billiards?" persisted the young officer.

"No," snorted his superior. "I played a game once and didn't like it."

Just then a young officer of the air force stepped into the room, and the major turned to the lieutenant and said:

"May I present my son?"

The lieutenant bowed politely, and remarked casually:

"Your ONLY son, I presume?"

PIERCING OBSERVATION

The late Lord Kitchener's impenetrable reserve and disconcerting presence was once described by a writer in these terms: "He entered the dining-room like the Day of Judgment. Once he was sitting next to a lady at a dinner. She boldly asked him why he kept so aloof from his fellow mortals. He answered:

"Madam, familiarity breeds contempt."

"Yes," agreed his fair companion, "but you will admit it takes a certain degree of familiarity to breed anything."

THAT EXPLAINS IT

TOMMY: "Can you tell me why a black cow gives white milk that makes yellow butter?"

JOHNNY: "It's for the same reason that blackberries are red when they are green."

QUITE SIMPLE

"Gee, that was some blonde with you last night. Where did you get her?"

"I don't know. I just opened my billfold and there she was!"

**UNION GETS  
CONDITIONS  
FOR 'COPS'**

Sedalia, Missouri The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local 122, negotiated an agreement for local policemen providing for a reduction of the work-week from 7 to 6 days and of the work-day from 12 to 8 hours, together with a one week vacation which the men never received before. They were also granted a \$30 per month salary increase.

**Attorney-General Kenney  
To Speak at Big Meeting  
For Inter-Racial Accord**

A special mass meeting under the auspices of the Inter-Racial Committee of Monterey Peninsula has been called for next Tuesday, July 10 here, announces Wayne Edwards, secretary of the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council. Feature speaker for the occasion will be Attorney-General Robert W. Kenney. The general public is urged to attend.

The Monterey Peninsula committee, launched to promote racial harmony and fair treatment of minority peoples, has been working diligently to further its program of toleration and justice to minorities according to the traditional American standards.

The exact time and place of the meeting to be held Tuesday, July 10, will be announced in the local press and by poster throughout the vicinity.

**Right In the Groove**

Grantland Rice met a friend who had just returned from Mexico and was wearing one of those braided leather belts with a watch cunningly embedded in the silver buckle. "Ah," said Grant, "I see you keep navel observatory time."

**Profitable Negative**

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